

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, after the title, insert the following:

-- This application is a 371 national phase application of PCT/JP03/05139 filed on 23 April 2003, claiming priority to JP 2002-122565, filed on 24 April 2002, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties. --

Page 45: Replace the last paragraph starting on line 10 and ending on page 46, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLES 2 to 7

Polyesters B to G shown in Table 1 were prepared in the similar manner to PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 1. In PREPARATIVE EXAMPLES 2 and 3, antimony trioxide was used as the polymerization catalyst in an amount of 160 ppm as Sb atom with respect to polyester, giving polyesters B and C. Alternatively, in PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 4, titanium tetrabutoxide was used as the polymerization catalyst in an amount of 90 ppm as Ti atom with respect to the polyester, giving polyester D. Further, in PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 6, cobalt acetate tetrahydrate was used as the polymerization catalyst in an amount of 20 ppm as $[[Mg]]$ Co atom with respect to the polyester, and additionally titanium tetrabutoxide, in an amount of 15 ppm as Ti atom with respect to the polyester, giving polyester F. In PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 7, the polymerization catalyst was the same as that in PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 1.